

HA-1159
TIN FRONT BUILDING
Havre de Grace, Md.

13-18-1
c. 1900

Built in 1900, this three story three bay brick commercial building has a tin front. Although other buildings in the City display some exterior ornamentation of tin and there are many pressed tin ceilings left, this building is the only one to have its front veneered entirely with tin. Imitative of and cheaper than iron front buildings, tin fronts also employed classical motifs. This front displays both anthemions and "rusticated stone".

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Tin Front Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

522 Franklin St.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES, RESTRICTED
☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Eugene Fender

Telephone #: 939-3902

STREET & NUMBER

4137 Foxtrail

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
21078**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

522 Franklin St. is a three story three bay wide commercial building (c. 1900) with a tin front applied to the facade. It is the only building in Havre de Grace to have its entire front covered in tin. It stands on Franklin St., facing north, on the corner of Freedom Alley; an early 19th century dwelling abutts it on the east wall. Presently the building is used for apartments. The first story shop front is rather plain, but above the first floor, the building simulates a stone Renaissance Revival structure decorated with floral band reliefs.

Two multi-light display windows are flush the wall on the first floor. Below the window are molded panels. The second and third stories contain three pairs of 1/1 light sash windows framed by spiraled columns. Horizontal bands, having raised floral designs, serve as string courses between the first, second and third stories of the building. Pressed tin, simulating rusticated stone, is between the third story fenestration and the cornice. On the west and rear elevations the window openings are segmental arches with double brick relieving arches above them.

The height of the roof varies; it is taller where the tin cornice is, that is, at the front and on part of the sides. Whereas, towards the middle and rear of the structure it levels off a few feet lower. A high tin bracketed cornice is on the front and a few feet back at the sides; otherwise the roof appears to be flat.

The main entrance is in the center bay front elevation, modern doors giving access to the apartments. Another entrance is on the first floor, at the rear of the building.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This three story three bay wide brick commercial building has a tin front. Although there are other buildings in the City with exterior tin ornamentation (see HA-1123) and many pressed tin ceilings remain, 522 Franklin St. is the only one to have its front completely covered with tin. Havre de Grace has no iron front buildings now and on the basis of information from old insurance maps, probably never did. However, HA-1120 has cast iron columns on either side of the entrance and there may have been other examples removed from buildings. Built in 1900, the tinfront building seeks to imitate the Renaissance Revival style which was popular in Havre de Grace through the 1920's, lending itself to a number of different interpretations (see HA-1113, 1181 and 1180 for other examples). It is richly decorated with classical motifs such as anthemions and in places it simulates rusticated stone.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton- Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
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AMS 5763 II SE-SERIES V833

HA-1159

Sand



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522 Franklin St.
Haven de Grace

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522 Franklin St. Havre de
Detail - Facade grace
Marion Morton 6/77